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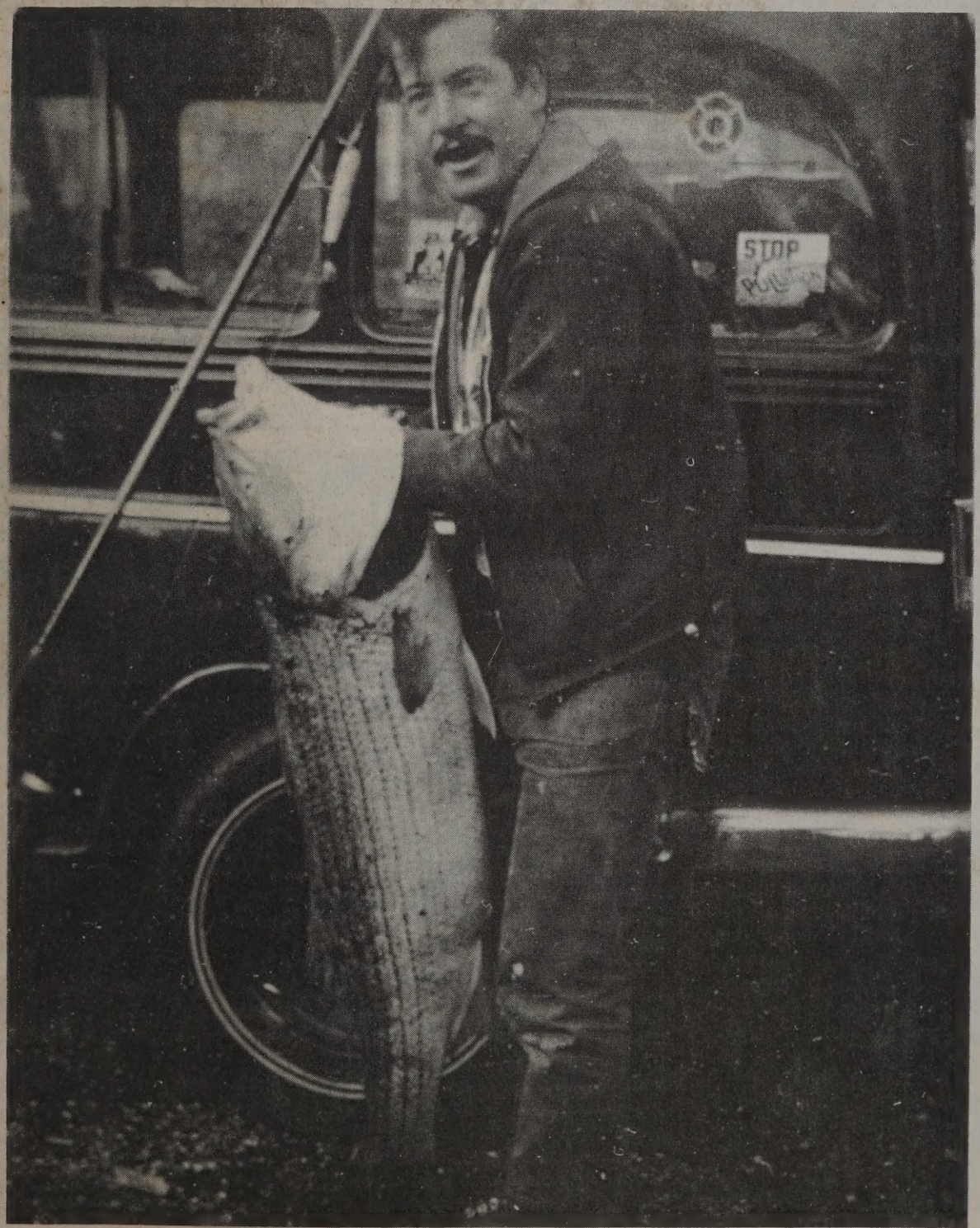

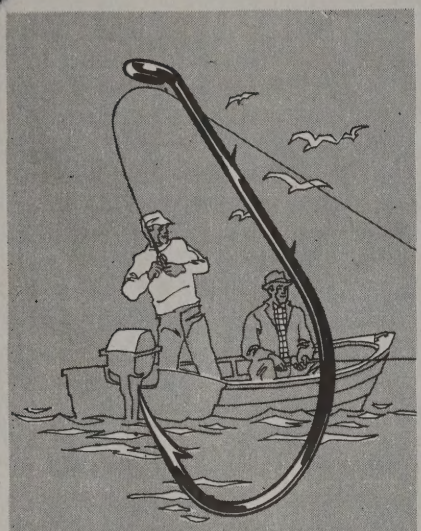

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CONTEST NEWS

The first week of the big L.I.F. Fishing Contest and the first week of the all new L.I.F. Record Book has passed and not a single entry was received at the office. Oh, I know it's early in the season, but I also know that some fish were caught by our readers. The staff at the office sat down to ponder the reasons for such a lack of response. We know it couldn't be a lack of interest because a fisherman can win without an entry fee. All he need do is catch a fish and fill out an entry blank (which can be picked up at his local tackle shop). We decided the lack was due to the vagueness of the presentation of the contest. Why was the presentation vague and confusing? That's simple! It's because we too are somewhat confused, which causes us to be vague. The fact remains, if a very confused fisherman caught even a ½ lb. flounder, filled out the application, and sent it in, he would have been our first winner. He would also have become eligible for our end-of-the-month drawing and the year-end grand slam.

The proceeds from last week's uncontested contest will be contributed to my favorite charity - "The Rich Reina Tackle Fund."

CITIZENS FOR A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

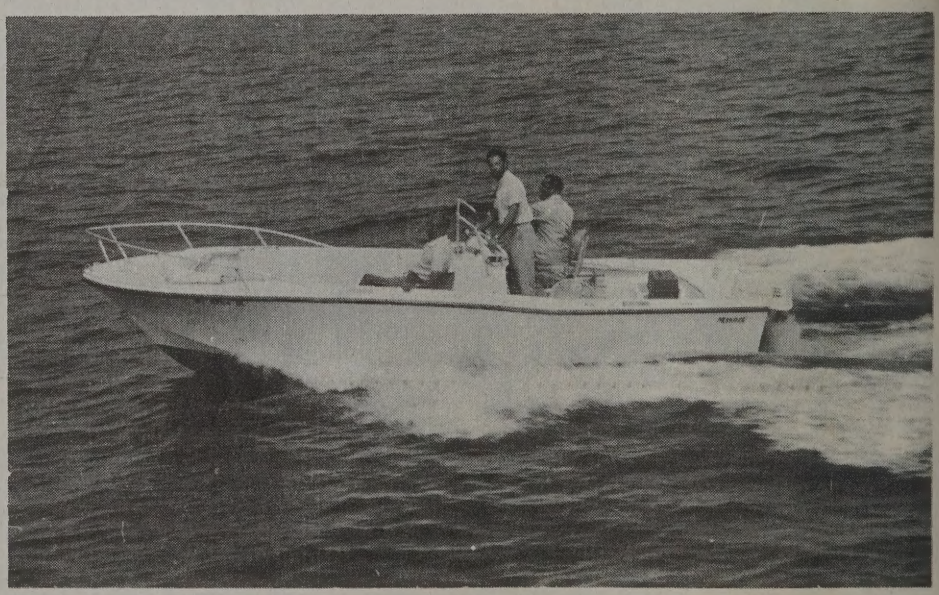
Congressman Otis Pike is to be the featured speaker at a meeting sponsored by the Citizens for a Cleaner Environment, to which the public is cordially invited.

The meeting is to be held March 10, 1972 at 8:00 P.M. at the Bellport High School on Beaver Dam Road in Bellport, L.I. The subject of Congressman Pike's talk will be his bill to preserve Gardiners Island as a National Monument.

CHOPPER ROUND UP

The Amity Harbor Fishing Club is pleased to announce it's first annual blue fish tournament; the "Chopper Round Up," and an open invitation is extended to all to participate. The Chopper Round Up will be held Saturday, July 8, 1972 (rain date - Sunday, July 9, 1972).

Interested parties should contact Johnny Hooper, Tournament Chairman at: 130 Coolidge Avenue, Amity Harbor, (516) 842-2846.



LIGHT TACKLE BLUEFISH

Don't miss the American Sportsman Show on ABC this week. L.I.F. feature writer, Al Reinfelder, will be light tackle bluefishing with comedian George Kirby on the Long Island Sound.

This show, originally aired last March, came about when American Sportsman producer, Neil Cunningham, contacted us for our cooperation. The role the L.I.F. played was a backstage one, with the exception of Al. The phones were tied in with our usual reporting stations, pinning down bluefish schools for the camera crews. We also had Dick Alley and others chasing around the Sound. The base of operations was Port Jefferson. Everyone had a great time and Neil Cunningham did a really great job.

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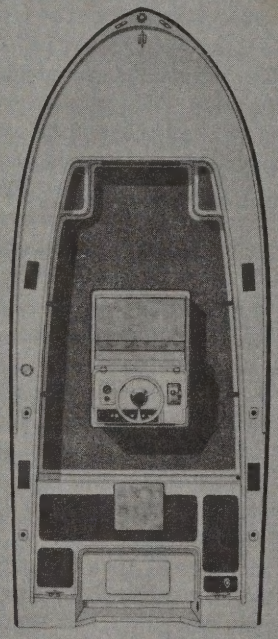

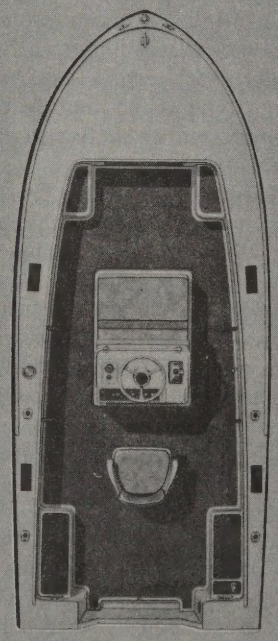

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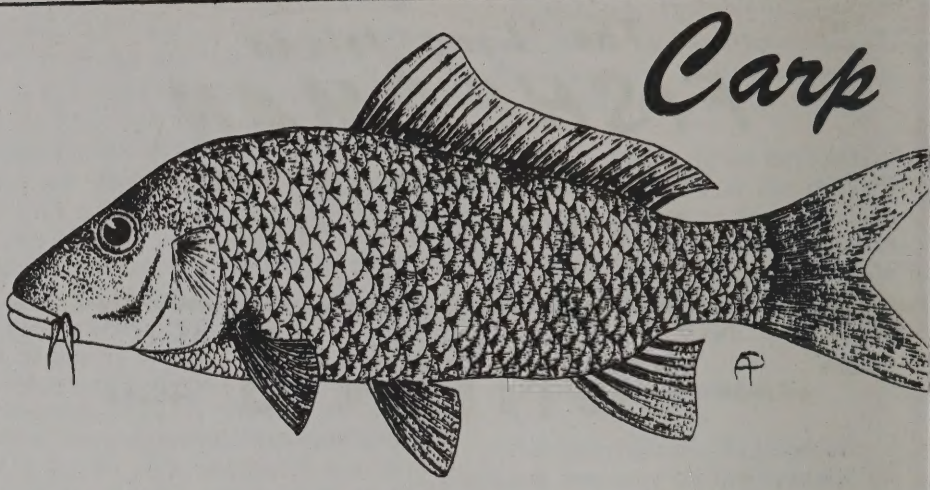
by Tony DiFede



To some people this immigrant freshwater fish is a pest. To others it provides a hard living. And to some it is a game fish.

The carp was introduced into United States waters during the 1870's. The Federal Government launched into a stocking program. The basic reasons were honorable. They believed the carp would provide a substantial source of food and maintain a commercial fishery. Well it did. The carp supported itself so well that it endangered other fish. It was branded a pest. The carp is an extremely prolific fish and was believed to be a prime spawn killer. But experiments seem to indicate that the carp may not be the spawn killer it is cracked up to be. Carp control projects have shown that substantial numbers of bass and perch spawn successfully where they were outnumbered by as much as 5 to 1. But all the facts are not in yet.

I mentioned that the carp was an immigrant. It is originally an Asian species. Somewhere around the 13th century it was introduced into European waters; and, as I mentioned, it was imported to the U.S. Ironically, the carp is big business in Europe; so big in fact that the carp is the most used freshwater fish in the world. Hard to believe--but true.

The carp is a definite problem when it overpopulates. When this happens it can almost wipe out the vegetation and cause serious food competition. Also, within one season, the carp becomes a preditor. It grows quickly. However, control projects and studies are providing answers to the carp problem--and hopefully, soon, it won't be a problem.

This unloved fish is basically an overgrown goldfish. True! The carp is a close relative of the goldfish.

Carp have broad bodies with a mildly pronounced hump-back. The caudal peduncle is obvious like the bluegills. The head is relatively small with highset eyes and two barbels on each side of the upper lip. The barbels are functional; they are used to find food on the bottom. The dorsal fin is comprised of one spiney ray and at least 16 or 18 soft rays. A point to remember: don't mess the carp's dorsal fin. It's not poisonous or anything, just very sharp, and the leading edge of the dorsal spine is serrated like a steak knife--rather sharp. The pectoral, ventral, and anal fins are full and soft-rayed. The caudal (tail) fin is soft-raye and forked.

spawning time for carp. Their ritual is very active with considerable splashing and movement. The sticky eggs released into the water attach to weeds and stems. The activity is not without reason, it spreads the eggs around, a device to insure a high rate of hatching.

Both carp and goldfish belong to a group called minnows. Right! A carp is a minnow-fish. Normally, you don't think big when someone says minnow. But this one gets big. Some records: An 83.5 pound South African carp, a 42 inch, 42 pounder taken in Virginia, and a 58 pound Lake Erie lunker. However, they average 10 to 15 pounds or less--still not much of a minnow in size.

The carp's effect on other species in its community has labelled it pest. But, I think with hind-sight as a teacher we won't make the mistake of importing a fish without studying of an established aquatic community. If the sponsers of the carp had studied the effects and possible controls back in the 1870's, the carp might have earned the right to be placed along side other gamesters like the bass and bluegill.

But all is not lost for carp as a sportfish. Bow and arrow fishermen find the carp a respectable quarry. It's habits make it attractive to Bowmen-when you are in carp waters it's not too difficult to spot them rooting up the vegetation. The trick is making your arrow find its mark. That's not always so easy! Even better, think of taking a spunky, 10 pound carp on a 7½ foot flyrod! I'm all for giving the carp a place on the sportfishing calendar.

One very distinguishing physic characteristic is the carp's scales. They a large, fairly uniform and each scale has dark spot at the base and the leading ed is also dark. These scale markings give th appearance that carp have crosshatche markings. The background color of th carp is a gold olive gradually lightening a yellow-white on the belly.

Picky is one thing this fish is nc Carp have no apparent preference for ar particular bottom or waters, with or exception. They usually are not found cold, clear, swiftly running streams. The are at home in mud, rocks, gravel, san silt, moss, weeds, or whatever. If they ha any preference it would be for the war shallow areas in lakes or streams whe the vegetation is thick and the food supp is abundant.

Carp are connoisseurs of just abo everything. They feed primarily on pla ton, insects, larvae, crustaceans, roo weed, and the like. Carp are mes feeders. They have a habit of muddyi up the water as they feed. Contrary original beliefs, carp apparently do n feed on other fish or fry. Their det mental effect on the community seer to be due solely to the extensive grazi and uprooting vegetation and muddyi the water.

Some information for the wou be carp angler: worms, cheese, and dou bait are good carp baits. Wetflys are al good carp-getters.

Carp spawn in shallow areas amo the weeds and grass. Late spring sign

PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

FREE TO LIF READERS

For a free sample of the very fine FLORIDA SPORTSMAN magazine write: Bill Hallstrom, Executive Editor/Florida Sportsman/Wickstrom Publishers/ 4025 Ponce de Leon Blvd./Coral Gables, Fla. 33146. Say, "Please send me one free sample issue of FS as mentioned in Al Reinfelder's column in the Long Island Fisherman." Then write down your address!

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Q: WHAT IS U.S. STEEL DOING TO HELP CONSERVE OUR SHORELINES?
A: ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

The above question (without the answer, of course) appeared at the top of a recent USS ad in the N.Y. Times. The eleven inch picture below showed a corrugated steel sea wall separating the water from a suburban housing development. Atop the wall was a plain-ive - if somewhat stupid looking - cocker spaniel who was peering at the camera. The point of the ad was the USS was helping conserve the shoreline because they had "found a better way to hold back the sea." Sick joke, obviously, I thought to myself at first. But I guess not, because the USS ad boys went on to explain how tough and corrosion resistant their new "Mariner Pilings" were. I've seen pilings like that down at Seaford, where years ago Glenn Voparil and his father and grandfather used to gather mussels and killies; and where we fished for snappers and watched ducks jump as we rounded the bend on that long creek run from the base of Seaman's Neck Road to the open waters of the bay. I've seen how these pilings have allowed the land developers to fill and fill until there is nothing left of the old channel which wound picturesquely thru a mile or so of marsh grass ten feet tall except for a wet suburban "street."

If this is shoreline conservation, it is at the expense of fish, game, birds and wildlife of every kind. The use of seawalls such as USS advocates have totally ruined the northern, brackish portions of all of our south bay marshes.

Before we hear from the PR department at USS, to the effect that what people do with their products is not their responsibility, etc., etc., let us just remind them that if this is their irresponsible attitude, they should at least spare us from this kind of advertising. The USS ad ends with the words, "WE'RE INVOLVED." They should have said, "WE LIED."

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OIL SITUATION GETS STICKY

Keeping up with the oil drilling situation is like reading a novel. The plot keeps thickening, more and more characters get involved, the stench of corruption gets stronger, and you just read on, waiting for the story to explode. One of the more sordid aspects of the oil mess is the business of who gets paid off and who gets hurt. Karl Grossman of the Long Island Press (the paper which is doing the top job in the area of covering this story) brought out some very interesting points in a recent article. It seems that Perry B. Duryea, not exactly known as the "fisherman's friend" in these parts, is taking part in the oil discussions, and he is definitely not in favor of this potential disaster. "Duryea owns a huge lobster and fishing business at Montauk on Long Island's eastern tip. He would personally be hard hit by oil spillage from any off-shore wells. (Chicken's coming home to roost, Perry?)

Now "The Gov'ner" (Rockefeller, that is) has seemingly been less interested in the off-shore oil issue, refusing repeatedly to take any stand on the matter.

"Long Island Baymen's Association chairman George A. King of Islip recently charged that the Rockefeller family's interests in the Standard Oil Co. - one of the world's largest and one of the firms interested in off-shore Atlantic develop-

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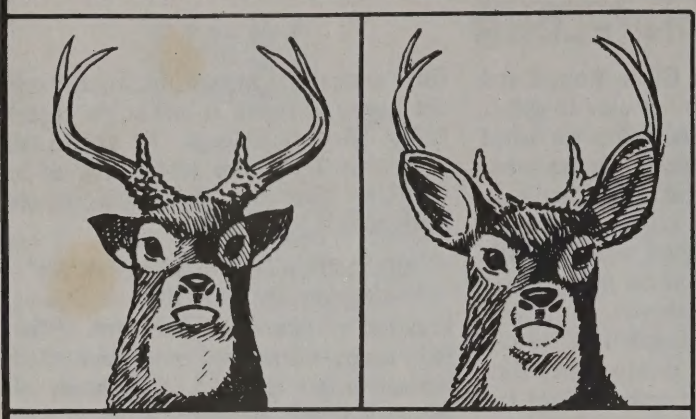
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL: UPSTATE NEW YORK STYLE

An unidentified "woodsman" was caught by this candid photographer as he dealth with his solid waste disposal in the easiest possible way: he threw it in the woods. So it goes!

FISH & GAME FACTS

BY FRED GUARDINEER



WHEN FACE TO FACE WITH A DEER WHO FOLDS BACK HIS EARS, HE'S READY TO BOLT. IF HE CUPS HIS EARS TOWARD YOU, HE'S INTERESTED AND YOU STILL HAVE TIME.

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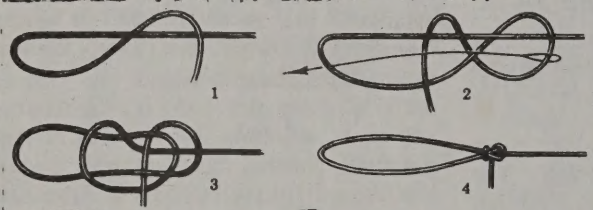

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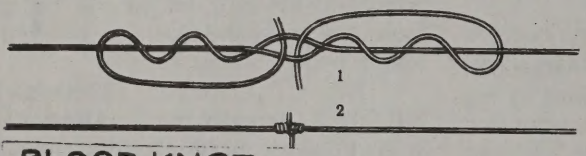

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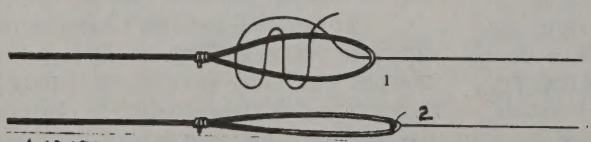

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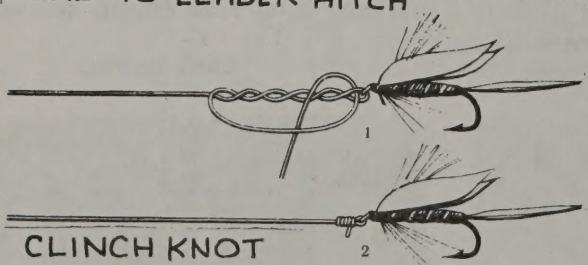

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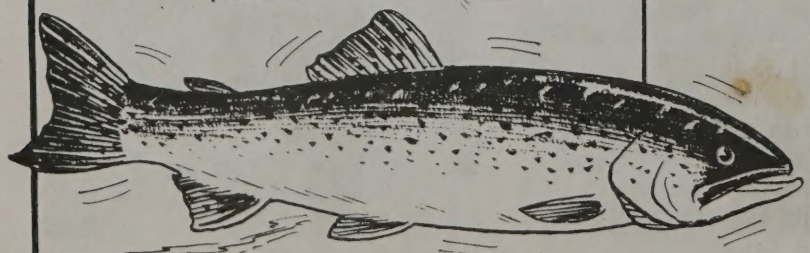

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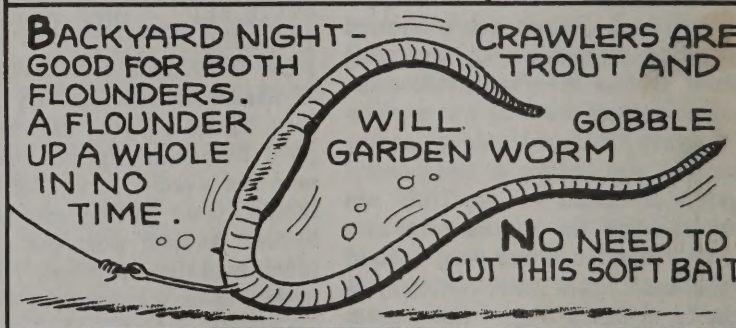

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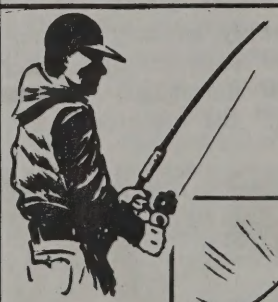

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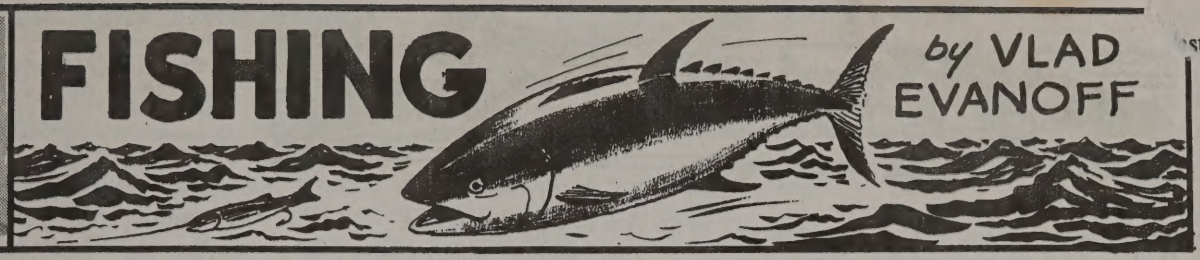

by VLAD EVANOFF

HAS FISHING BECOME TOO COMPETITIVE?

There's the true story about the guy fishing with a relative in Chesapeake Bay for stripers. The guy was out of a job, broke, and his wife was pregnant. I guess he was glad to catch some stripers to eat and be out fishing to forget his pressing problems. But he may have also been fishing for a special striper that carried a gold tag. A local beer company had tagged that fish and released it and anyone who caught it would get a cash prize. The two anglers had fished for a few hours and were ready to quit and go home.

Then the man told his relative, "I'll make one more cast and fish a while and then we can quit." He cast out his bait, waited a few minutes, had a bite, set the hook and reeled in the fish. It was a small striper - - - then he spotted the gold tag clamped to the fish. He let out a whoop and grabbed that fish as if it was worth its weight in gold. As a matter of fact, it was worth that or more - - - when he turned the tag in, he collected $25,000 from the beer company.

That's about the biggest prize I ever heard of anyone winning for a single fish. But in recent years there have been many other fishing contests and tournaments offering all sorts of prizes to the lucky (or skilled) anglers. Anglers have won cottages with lots, autos, boats, trailers, fishing tackle, trophies and, of course, cash. In recent years there have been fresh-water black bass contests with expert anglers competing and the angler who acquires the most points in two or three days fishing can walk off with several thousand dollars.

Of course, most of the fishing contests and tournaments we have do not offer such big prizes. In most of them you get a trophy or citation and in the end you actually lose money if you figure out the initial fee to enter, the cost of fuel, bait and the time and effort put into the event. Some entrance fees for offshore tournaments may run to $100 or $150 for a boat.

Many of these contests or tournaments serve a good purpose and benefit the angler and the fishing world in general. For many years such magazines as "Field & Stream" have run fishing contests annually in which they record each fish caught and these records have been very useful in the past. The International Game Fish Association keeps similar records of salt-water fish which have proved useful and informative through the years. They do not offer prizes for big fish, but merely give recognition of the catch and a certain amount of prestige for the angler.

Other tournaments, such as the Long Island Swordfish Tournament, held each year in June at Montauk, raise money to build an artificial fishing reef and this, of course, will benefit all fishermen who will fish it later. Other fishing contests and tournaments also donate the money raised for similar worthy causes. Many of them give the fish they catch in a contest or tournament to a hospital, welfare agency or to poor people.

Some tournaments, such as the International Tuna Cup Matches, held in Nova Scotia each fall, can even help promote good will among competing nations. Most fishing contests and tournaments bring together anglers who enjoy the festivities, good fellowship, exchanges and other activities.

Fishing contest and tournaments have served a good purpose in this exchange of ideas, fishing methods and helped develop a great improvement in fishing boats, fishing tackle and techniques. These, of course, benefit all anglers eventually.

We've covered some of the good things and benefits resulting from fishing contests and tournaments. Now let's look at the other side of the coin and examine some of the bad things or detrimental effects of such competitive events.

No matter how you try to condone it, there is a certain amount of waste of fish in fishing contests and tournaments. In some of these contests you get points for releasing fish and this is fine if you release them carefully so that they can live and fight another day. But too many anglers yank the hook from a fish's jaws or hurry up to remove it. They want to get back to fishing in a hurry to catch more fish. This often damages such fish. Other anglers hold the fish out of the water to measure it or photograph it and the fish suffers and may eventually die. Or it is released in a weakened condition and a shark may get it.

But in most fishing contests and tournaments the fish are brought back to the dock dead for weighing, measuring and photographing and in a two or three day tournament many fish are killed. You don't have to worry about this in a swordfish tournament, because not too many of these fish are caught in such contests. And it may be beneficial to a certain extent in a shark fishing tournament in getting rid of some of the excess sharks in the area. But in most tournaments the fish are brought back to be eaten, given away or left behind to rot and waste. In some, such as tarpon tournaments, the fish aren't even eaten but are simply killed and then discarded if they aren't big enough for mounting.

In some fresh-water tournaments in small ponds or lakes too many fishing contests can remove many fish from such waters. All this adds up to a waste of good fish which wouldn't have occurred if they didn't have fishing contests.

Fishing contests and tournaments also tend to overcrowd areas and spoil the sport for participants and other anglers. On small lakes or rivers the anglers lining the shores or running around in boats doesn't help the fishing or tempers. Surf anglers don't like to be crowded on a beach and striped bass anglers in boats don't like to fish too close to other boats. Our fishing waters are too crowded nowadays, even without fishing contests, especially on weekends or holidays or at a popular fishing spot. Adding more anglers or boats to the scene doesn't help matters much.

Some fishing contests run just for children may help in the beginning to introduce the sport to these youngsters. But if they enter too many such events they may get the idea that all fishing should be competitive and that is the only reason it pays to go fishing.

Still other fishing contests are run mainly to promote a product or attract anglers to a certain fishing area. While

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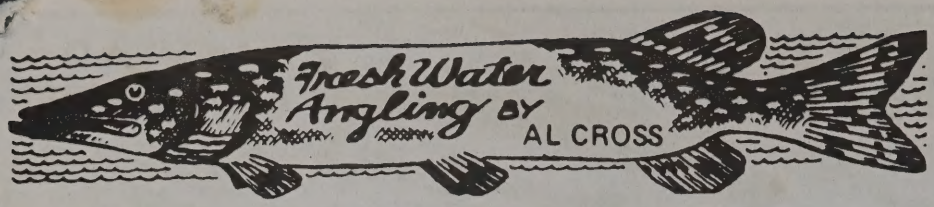

I launched my boat in Cold Spring Harbor and zipped quickly down the harbor to the Sound. Reaching the Sound, I turned east, heading for Eaton's Neck, knowing the action had been there the past week. After running east about a quarter of a mile, I started to pass a boatman fishing alone. As I came abreast of him he waved me over and yelled, "Bunker on top and big blues below." I thanked him, grabbed my spin stick, tied on a diamond jig and proceeded to snag a couple of bunker. These were of a good size, ten to fifteen inches. I cut them up into slabs and hung a piece on a trebel hook. I flipped out the hook and no sooner had it sunk out of sight when - bang - a hit and a miss. I repeated the process five or six times with the same results. Each time I came up empty. While continuing with the unrewarding task, I had kept my eye on the fellow in the other boat. His rod was bent under the weight of a heavy fish and within a few minutes he reached over the side with his gaff and hoisted aboard a blue of about ten pounds. As the fish went over the side of the boat I noted the bucktail hanging from its lip. Here, then, was something I had been wanting to try for some time.

Most of you readers of the Long Island Fisherman know me as a fresh-water angler. What you probably do not know is that I have succumbed more and more to the lure of the briney in these last few years. My only interests there, though, have been the stripers, blues, and more recently, the weakfish. These three I pursue whenever possible and with as light fresh-water tackle as I can use.

Getting back to my story of the big blues in Eaton's Neck waters, I decided that this was the chance I'd been waiting for. I had a light weight fly rod on board and a box of large streamer flies as well. I quickly selected a white Marabou, a power puff of a streamer. Knowing what a job a big blue can do to a light leader with his hack-saw teeth, I tied the streamer to a six-foot length of ten pound shock leader. Adding a few split-shots to take the fly down, I proceeded to shoot out a cast. After allowing a few seconds for the fly to sink, I gave the rod tip a few quick jerks and was fast to my first fly-rod-caught bluefish. For the next hour or more I was consistently fighting fish after fish, all in the five to ten pound class.

This incident which I have related to you took place about five seasons ago. I have, since then, taken hundreds of those toothsome speedsters on fly rods and on light spin rods, and believe me, you haven't lived until you've found a school of surface feeding blues and are able to feel the tremendous strike and the surging power of their blinding speed when they hit the fly you've cast to them. Also, when the blues are in a feeding frenzy you don't have to worry about sloppy casts or good distance. You just slap your fly out close to the school, give a couple of rod twitches, and you are generally fast to a fish. The same thing can be accomplished with light weight, one handed spin sticks. I've even gone so far as to use a four and a half foot ultra light fresh-water Fenwick with four pound test line and the added precaution of a ten pound test wire leader. Yes, I do lose a few fish, but think of the sport I have with those that I catch.

This sport doesn't have to be found with bluefish alone. The elusive striper and the returning weakfish can also be taken by these light tackle methods. Although locating Mr. Striper may not be as easy as pin-pointing the blues, a little extra searching will find him. I have even taken a few small bass in the surf on a fly rod. I don't use my fly rod at the surf in a blitz, or when there is any large number of surfmen present. If one should hang a fish on his fly rod in the midst of a group of surfmen, it might result in chaos or worse. If you want to try this sport, take your rod off by yourself and fins a piece of sand where you won't disturb anyone else with the use of your little fairy wand. If your favorite section of beach is crowded, just go on a little further. You are sure to find a spot better suited to this particular sport.

The same thing holds true if you are fishing from a boat. If there is a small armada of boats working a particular school of fish, find another school if you intend to fish light tackle. You definitely will not be appreciated if you hang on a good fish in the midst of other boats and have to take the time to fight him home. Light tackle necessitates this. The same holds true if you have other fishermen with you on your boat or if you are a guest on someone else's boat. I wouldn't suggest light tackle then, unless the other fishermen agree to its use. The reason for this is that, unless you are an absolute pro, playing your fish on light tackle will use up your friend's valued fishing time and inconvenience them, to say the least. So, if you want to fish light, your best bet is to get off by yourself. There is plenty of water out there still, and I'm sure you can find a nice piece of your own. Of course, your best chance to find peace and quiet in a spot all your own is to fish on weekdays. That's the one sure way to avoid the heavy competition. I know most of us have to work for a living on these days of the week, but the summer months offer a few extra hours of sunlight in the early morning and late evening. That way you can squeeze in a few hours now and then.

If salt-water fishing has been going dull for you, try fishing light. Once again, as the guy says, "Try it; you'll like it."

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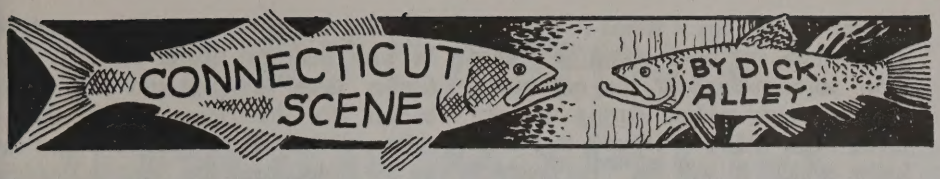

Never did March enter more like the proverbial lamb. Now we can hope the proverb won't ring true, and Mother Nature remains gentle right into spring.

This preview of spring combined with a heavy work schedule, offering no relief to my itching palms, daydreams of steam-engine stripers, all in all, leaving this writer pretty well depressed.

We attended the New Haven Boat Show, Connecticut's largest, held at the New Haven Armory, renewing old friendships, and making new acquaintances. Walt Janeczek had his Outdoor Sports Booth there, offering pre-season bargains and good conversation. Gene Anthony waved happily from the bridge of his new 28 ft. Allmand, the WELI boat you'll be seeing all over Long Island Sound this summer. Gene will be doing on-the-spot fishing broadcasts hourly, from 7:15 AM to 4:15 PM, every Saturday, Sunday and holiday, starting May 20, and continuing for 19 consecutive weeks.

The show itself, featured 51 exhibitors, and 161 boats, ranging from canoes and Kayaks for running the rapids to a super deluxe Trojan Sea Raider Cabin Cruiser. The New Haven Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary were on hand with educational displays.

The following night, I attended the first class of a fly-fishing school, held at the Westport YMCA. Able instructors are Lou Tabory, area representative for Scientific Anglers Co., and one of the top fly-casters in the world today. He's being assisted by Frank "Chip" Smith, with many years credit as a top guide in Montana, and who taught me more about trout fishing in a half-hour than I learned in the past ten years on my own. Pete Kriewald, local bass man and salt water fly fisherman, completes the trio. All are members of the Connecticut Salt Water Fly Rodders, and if the first session was any indication, the school is well worthwhile.

Which brings a thought. Many of us, with years of fishing experience behind us, kid ourselves into thinking there's nothing for us in a fishing school. Believe me, that's a fallacy. No matter who I've fished with, I've seldom returned from a day on the water when I haven't learned at least a little bit more about this wonderful sport. A proper knot-tying session can be the difference between a trophy and tears. A few minutes with an expert caster can give you those extra few feet of distance needed to reach the fish on all too many days. If there's a school in your area, look into it. The time spent and the minimal charge, if any, can be well worthwhile.

We had the urge to call some of our ace reporters to see how they'd weathered this mild winter.

Course, many of the gang aren't yet open for business, but they will be soon, and before we know it, flounder, mackerel, stripers, blacks, weaks, then those magnificent blues will be all over these pages.

Don't forget the Sportsman's Show at the New York Coliseum March 4 thru the 12th.

The Connecticut Camping & Outdoors Show will be held at the New Haven Area March 4th to 26th, 1972. Feature display will be Little Ceasar, a full grown midget bull, weighing less than 200 lbs. Fishermen will enjoy the 500-seat camping theater, featuring movies about fishing, hunting and travel. Outdoor equipment, camping and recreational vehicles, all kinds of supplies and accessories will be on display. Prizes include free vacations, a Lincoln canoe and tickets to Disney World. The show opens at 2:00 P.M.

On the same weekend, the Westchester Sportsman's Show will be held at the Civic Center in White Plains. Fishing and camping equipment is abundant, with special instructions for fly-tiers.

Fred Archer was in his Mamaroneck Fishing Station, making plans for the coming season. He plans to open for business on March 25th, and this year, something new has been added in the form of five small inboard bass boats, specifically designed for trolling. I plan to check these out in the next couple of weeks.

Doug Van Wynen, in the Sportsmans Den, Cos Cob, hasn't had any fishing reports, but he still has some frozen bloodworms on hand for those first-time flounder fanatics who wish to get out and give it a try.

We spoke to three Fairfield County Party Boat Skippers, all planning to sail within the month from their Conn. ports. Capt. John Minnitti has been making some renovations on the Delmar for more fishing room, and plans a tentative starting date of St. Patrick's Day weekend. The Delmar sails out of Greenwich.

Ed Brower, skipper of the Dolphin, out of Bridgeport, also plans a March 18th sailing in search of those first tasty flounder.

Capt. Steve Seman will put out in the Hurricane from his Bridgeport mooring a week earlier, giving those really anxious anglers a try on March 11th, and that's only two days from now.

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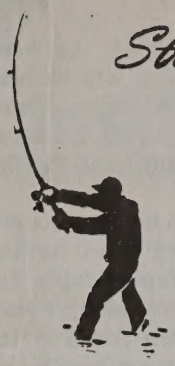


Strictly Casting

by

Vince Guaglianone

NO MAN-MADE RULES TO THIS GAME

≫ One time I was telling an experienced surfman of my plans for a vacation in October, and he criticized me because of how I timed my vacation. Instead of going to Montauk during the week I had chosen - "You should go to Montauk for the full moon," said he.

"I'm going to Montauk for the fresh air," said I: "and maybe for a lucky cow bass."

The man stretched out his hand to silence my young laughter, and as he shook his grey head at me, he half whispered: "The moon-tide. The moon-tide."

Another time I was in a tackle store, and I overheard a group of anglers arguing about a marvelous old-timer; a surfman whom some of them knew well. He still casted only with a Penn Squidder; a stout 10-foot stick; 30-pound test nylon; and his favorite was an old wooden lure (I think they said it was a Mustang). But he casted at night beside some Long Island bridge that he kept secret; revealing only that he had to cast out a short distance away to the second support of the bridge. But the lure had to hit the water just so many feet alongside from the piling. A few feet off either way, and no strike from a 30-40 pound striper; such as he gaffed "every time he went out." Not all were agreed that it was "every time he went out." Yet one man swore that he saw the elder with that size bass at least once a month. And all were agreed that the old man went out only when the current was extra strong, during full - or new moon periods.

A surfman up in Narragansett told me that he keeps records. And his records show that he generally gets extra action, either three days (and nights) before the new moon, or three days/nights after. He does catch fish in normal tides and, of course, in the full moon's stronger tides; but it seems to him that all size bass and blues consistently feed most voraciously near the new moon night (though seldom during the new moon night itself). "Trouble is, I never know which it will be," he laughed: "the three before, or the three after the new moon."

"I've found it to be both before and after," insisted Dan Marchand recently; who beached that 57-pounder at Moriches last year! Dan also keeps records. And he has found that the immediate days and nights both before and after the new moon night have given peak situations. Dan's preference for the strong-water period of the new moon was established long before the 57-pounder that he caught on 11/13/71: which was just four days before the new moon.

I've selected the above conversations to share with you, because they illustrate the attention that some casters give to the moon's influence on fishing. But I wouldn't say that you'll catch fish every time you go out in moon-strong water, or that it's the only water you should cast to.

(VI) The moon . . . You know already that moon-phase influences tide. This is fact, not theory. And you will find that at some beaches you can't really fish moon-tides at all, except around the slack flood or dead low when the current slows down. At these particular beaches during moon-tides there's no castable sinker that would hold bottom. Apart from how you need a neavier sinker, or how you need to aim and work lures differently, fish behavior is affected by this stronger water. For example, the baits can't swim easily in it; they are more helpless. Gamefish seem to take advantage of this and seek out spots where they can wait for the baits to trap them; the gamesters using their greater swimming ability to advantage in the moon-strong water. These are the spots and situations that you want to look for.

As for lures, we often hear that darker colors should be preferred on darker days. There are exceptional times. But generally I've found that the same preference works at night. The darker the night, the darker the lure should be. Clouds over the moon make a darker night. And clear nights are darker when the moon is thinner. Hence, the moon phase has a value with regard to lighting, and shadows - boulder-shadow, cliff-shade, moving shadows, bait-school shadows, your lure's shadow, - particularly in flat water as distinct from storm-pushed surf or moon-pulled surf. And particularly if you want more lunkers and less schoolies, it can be a matter of going squint-eye nuts in the dark to be sure that the floater Rebel is blue (under larger moons) and not black-backed (for the darker nights). Never shine a flashlight after you've waded out on the Nissequogue Bar, Sunken Meadow side, in late spring; or any other night spot (like Wading River early fall) if you want the lunkers that are there.

There is a third factor to the moon's influence on fishing. This third factor has nothing to do with the light of the moon or the strength of the tide. For this influence to take effect, it can be any moon-phase, any tide; and it can be day or night, dark or bright. This third factor seems to determine WHEN wildlife will be feeding heavily. WHEN, but not where. This factor used to be called; "moon-up, moon-down."

Moon-up, moon-down . . . A great fresh-water sportsman refined what had been observed for centuries by Seminole Indians, and then legal-market hunters. They observed that the moon's position in relation to earth, as per the moon's highest or lowest point in the sky during a 24-hours span, 'awakened' (or remarkably coincided with) intensive feeding of all wildlife. Since a coordinate position of the sun also matters, John Alden Kinght called it the 'Solunar Feeding Period'. These periods are claimed to be the actual "odd hour" feeding periods in addition to the famous sunrise/sunset activity (when you still need, remember: 'the right spot'). Again: the tide, and these Solunar periods are NOT synonymous.

Nothing moon-spooky, but very controversial amongst experienced sport-fishermen: both pro and con. To send away for the famous Solunar Tables costs a dollar. The yearly booklet is in existence. And if I said nothing about it, and you found out that I've spent a buck a year for five years: then I'd be accused of holding back. So . . . (Solunar Table, Mrs. R.A. Knight, Box 207, Montoursville, Penna. 17754).

Of the many things I love about fishing, one is the fact that to play this outdoor game there are no man-made rules to follow. You do what you please. You go fishing. But it seems to me that there are something like "rules" given by wild nature. And in case you wanted to benefit from these rules or patterns, these 'conditions' of wild nature at the tide lines, I have given you a few of them (I-VI) that have been found through years of days and nights at a many-sided enjoyment. ≪

SURF CASTING TO BOTTOM SPECIES

by STU (Bad Winds) MILLER

Some call it ling-jerking and some call it sinker bouncing. I call it relaxation and fun. This is for those who like to cast at the surf from the beach, marsh or jetty. A tasty meal of fresh fish brought up from the sea bottom on bait is one reward. And there is excitement when you set a hook and tussle a one-pound flounder - let there be no doubt of that. Sure, I get bluefish-fever and striper-madness periodically. But don't think you need to get dark rings under your eyes to be a true surfman. Let me talk to you about light tackle and light times and tasty tusslers on the bottom.

I Love the sea. This love goes all the way back to when I was about three or four years old and the family spent summers in Rockaway. I will always treasure my first meetings with the big water during those days on the beach, swimming, and watching the birds.

My father introduced me to fishing at about age ten. I recall that dad liked just a casual four or five party boat trips a year for flounder and fluke. And that was it! However, when I accompanied him in those days, he seemed quite the angler. I could barely keep from jumping out of my pajamas the night prior to a planned fishing trip; what with getting all our "gear" together. A real blast was the two or three times I was just shaken awake in the pre-dawn dark by the old man, and I heard the words, "Do you want to go fishing?"

"Yeah!" I yelled back, and was out of bed and into my clothes in a flash. The 'gear' was two five-foot steel flounder rods and two knuckle-buster reels with green braided nylon line. Don't ask what test, I don't know. A large wicker fishing basket (rotting in two corners) held a Phillies cigar box which contained a motley collection of sinkers and spreaders, swivels and fluke rigs. There was also an old fish scaler in there. Other hooks were in another cigar box. Invariably, we went on the Lady Ann from Salty Sam's Dock in Lindenhurst. Memorable were the breakfasts we downed on the road. We always got fish, and either a sun or wind burn. And whatever closeness existed between dad and I, resulted in part from these all-day expeditions after the mighty flatfish.

Subsequently, I fished a lot from boats myself. I had not indulged in surf fishing until casually one summer in 1960, at Cedar Beach; with a borrowed surf rod and reel, and clam bait. Then I bought my first surf rod, a two-piece ten footer at a small, long established tackle shop at the west end of Coney Island. The owner, named Joe, made all the rods he sold. Mine cost $14.00, and I still use it today. Joe and his shop are gone now. The 302 Mitchell I bought gave fair service; but for the heavy surf it has been replaced by the big Luxor (now Crack). This reel you couldn't destroy with a cannon round. I also use a very light spin reel with 8 pound test line, for the low surf, and marshy banks. So I have walked many beaches and cast many casts since August 1960, on both north and south shores of Long Island. My hours at whipping the surf for stripers and blues, taken on plug or tin, rate very high on the list of fine experiences a man can chalk up in a lifetime. While I'm not an out-of-his-skull bass-hound like a certain friend of mine, that "Strictly Casting" guy, I do get my share of these gamefish.

But I also greatly enjoy bottom fishing in the surf. You'll often get as many bottom species from the beach as you will in a boat. Try Cedar Beach for flounders in the early spring. Try it from the Oak Beach water east of the Sore Thumb, to west of the Thumb all along Cedar Beach for bigger flounders in the surf; Especially in April and early May. But there's a February run of real sea flounders into the Great South Bay, when Artic seals are still cavorting in the Bay. If you get a clear, windless day in February, and if you can find clams and mussels, you should fish for these big yellow tail flounder in Great South Bay. One June, a true bonanza was had for flounders off the Fire Island Rocks on a fast, low, incoming tide on clam. As we were out for blackfish, this flounder bonanza was on SMALL BLACKFISH HOOKS! (We: myself and that bass-hound friend of mine, mad Vince). But ordinarily, I like to use a single small flounder hook for flounders. As I snell my own hooks, I am able to use a longer leader (12 inches) which I link directly to the line about one inch above the sinker. This simple rig I drag in slow. The slow dragging stirs up the bottom and the long leader allows a better presentation of the bait. Before mid-April I will add a piece of split-shot to the leader, just ahead of the hook, because the flatties are still sluggishly in the mud then.

For blackfish off jetties, I like Silver Point and its brother jetties at Atlantic Beach. The sluggers give you a great day there. If you have a boat, try the Moses Bridge pilings at high slack water AND the pier behind the Oak Beach Inn at high slack. Bruisers are there! Use green crab.

Kingfish can be yours this summer at another easy to reach spot. Park at Captree (right hand side lot) and walk to the area of the Moses Bridge and fish either side of bridge, right or left. You can use a high hook baited with squid for weaks and a low hook baited with sandworms for kings. (Don't blame me if you catch a big fluke on this rig.)

On the Fire Island side of the inlet, you can, in early morning, get good weaks on small Kastmasters and in the dark slightly bigger weaks on 4 inch Rebels. This is light tackle fishing. Watch out for a strike from Roccus here too.

Things are looking up for fluke in our waters. Try Fire Island Inlet from the Island side, in the area in front of the parking lot nearest the bridge. The current is not as fierce there. Use 4-5 spearing hooked through the eves, with a small fluke-hook, long leader and pyramid sinker here. The spearing fan out on the hook in the current. Unfortunately, heavier line is needed so you don't break off in the current, or dragging against the submerged enbankment parallel to the shore. The whole outgoing tide is best.

Much fun and relazation awaits you at spots that I have learned - - spots for casting to the bottom species along Long Island shores.

WINTER PLUG MAKING

by DAN MARCHAND

If you want to pass the long winter evenings and get some worthwhile enjoyment, try making your own plugs out of wood. I think you will also learn more about plugs when you make your own too! Especially the swimmers; lip design, position of the front eye loop, placement of the weight and hooks . . . all these things have an effect on the action of the plug.

Years ago, they tell me, the old-timers at Montauk used to take a short length of broomstick and slice it into two pieces with a diagonal cut. This made two darting type plugs with the hooks attached by means of screw-eyes.

With the tools and materials available today to the average fisherman, there's almost no limit to what you can turn out in a home workshop. (Figure 1 a)

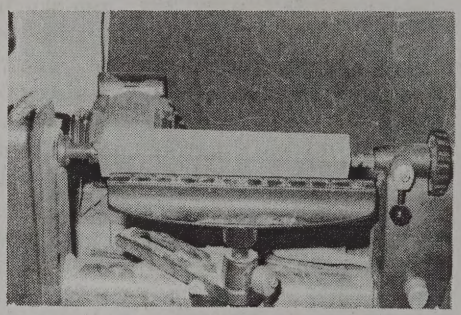
FIG: 1a

To make my favorite swimmer type lure, I take a hunk of red cedar 4 x 4 (actually 3½" x 3½") and rip it into four lengths (1¾" x 1¾"). You can get three to four dozen medium-sized plugs out of an 8 foot length of cedar.

Now we cut it in lengths of about 16" (Figure 1-b). From each of these lengths we can turn down two lures of about 6 or 7 inches each.

After sanding the shaped pieces to a smooth finish and using a parting tool to separate the two plug bodies (Figure 2) I use a hack saw (for a smooth cut) to cut off the scrap ends.

Next, we drill holes for the thru-wire with a long 1/8" aviation bit. Drill first through the head, half the length of the lure, then turn the wood around to drill through the tail being very careful to hold the lure parallel with the lathe-bed. The other end of the lure should be held against the tail-stock which can be pushed forward. (Figure 3)



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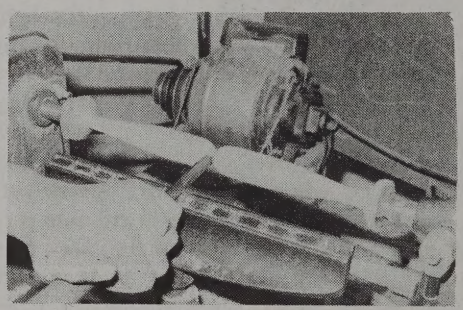

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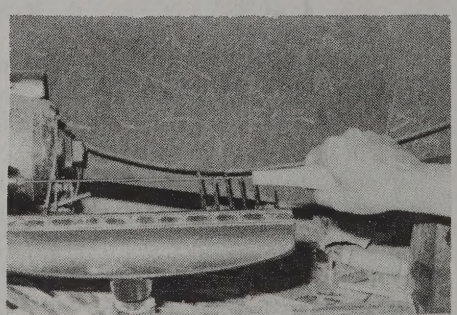


FIG: 3

Holes are drilled for the hook hangers in the bottom of the lure using a larger bit. Drill until you hit the center hole that was drilled for the thru-wire, being careful not to go all the way through the plug. In these holes you can insert brass grommets to keep the wood from splitting when fighting a fish. (Figure 4)

Lips are cut from thin sheets of stainless steel and bent into shape. These lips are inserted into a slot cut into the head of the lure with the hack saw. Put

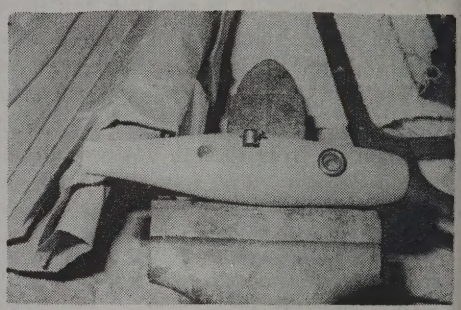


FIG: 4

a mark on the lip at the point where the thru-wire hole is situated on the front of the lure. Take the lip out of the slot and punch a hole in the metal where the mark is. Smear a little epoxy glue on the lip and reinsert into the slot on the lure.

I use one-sixteenth inch stainless stell or brass rod for the thru-wire. But bending the wire around a nail the front loop can be formed (Bottom of Figure 5). Then I run the wire through the metal lip and into the plug . . . through the top eye of a two-way swivel that has been placed into each of the previously drilled holes in the bottom of the plug. Bend a loop into the wire that is protruding from the tail with needle nose pliers about one-quarter inch from the plug and wrap the wire around itself a couple of time. (Figure 6) CAUTION: DO NOT TWIST THE WIRE - THIS WILL WEAKEN THE WIRE. The loop should be large enough to accept the open eye of a 3x treble hook.

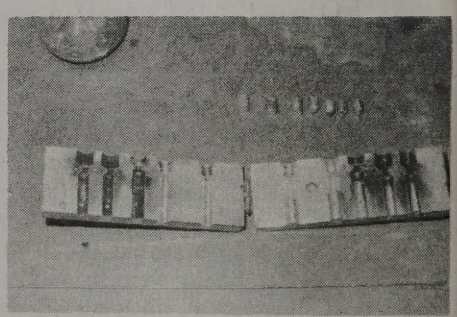


FIG: 5

For weighting the plug (to improve astability) I have made a simple mold or small lead shots. (Figure 5) An lternative to this is to use lead wool or ound split shot sinkers. The weight lacement is important. To make the lug cast better, the weight should be owards the rear of the plug. I've found the weight is placed slightly past the nid-point of the lure, it casts well and till has good action.

Next, I tape on the heaviest weight nd with the hooks temporarily in place, put the lure in a basin of water. By rial and error I find the heaviest weight can use without making the plug sink. floating plug, I have found, allows

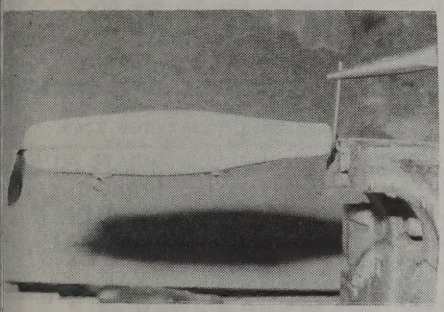


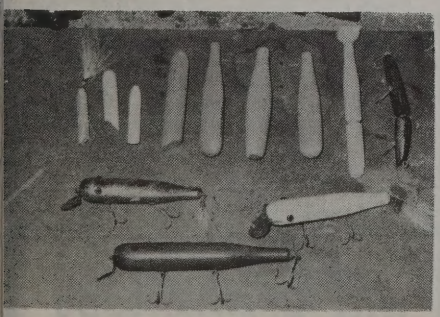
FIG: 6

naximum action with the slowest re-rieve; and big bass like slow retrieves.

Now, with the right size bit we an drill a hole for the weight. Smear little epoxy in the hole and ram the veight in. When dry, sand or file it lush.

It's easier to paint the lure before ttaching the lip and hooks, etc., but it an be done after the hardware is attach-d by using a small brush. I use bottles f quick drying PLA available in any obby shop.

Notice in Figure 7 that the types f plugs you can make are almost un-mited. The only power tool that I use a wood lathe and the rest are all hand ools.



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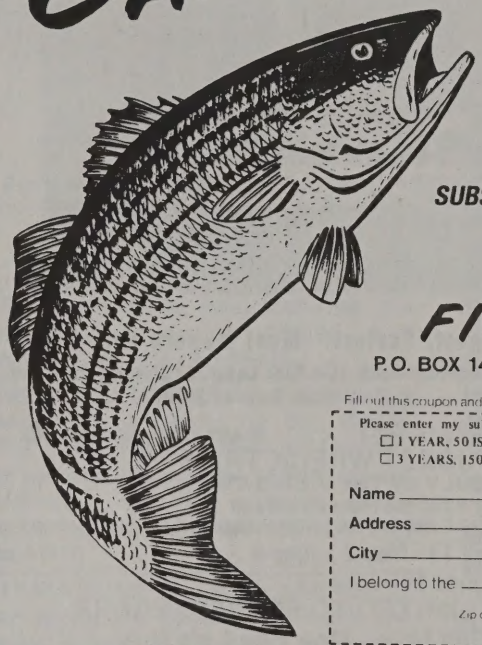

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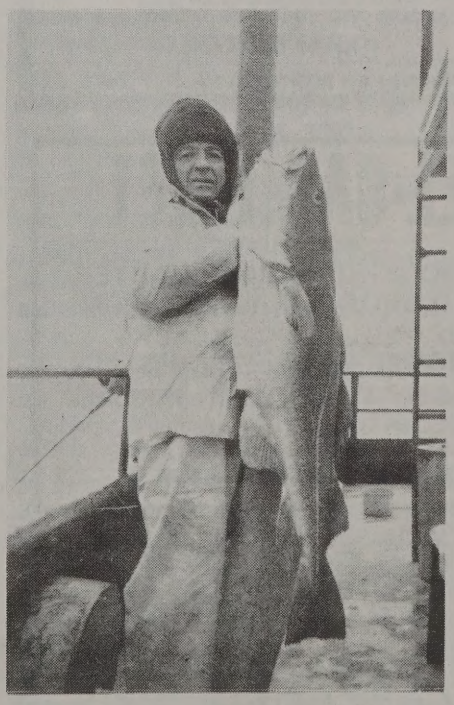

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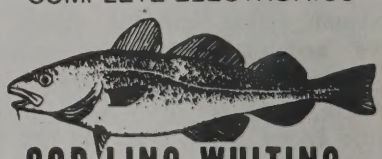

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Dan Marchand with his surf-caught 57 lb. bass. Dan caught this lunker on Fire Island Beach, the same beach that now has globs of oil on its once clean sandy shore. (Also, read Winter Plug Making in this week's issue.)

FLOUNDERS MAKE SLOW START

After making several phone calls early Sunday night, I got a rough idea of the flounder activity on the South Shore. Most of the boat liveries at the east end (Hamptons, Moriches, Mastic) are still closed and will not start operating for at least another week. Some flounders have been taken from the Shinnecock Canal and from local docks. Most of the fish caught are still thin from laying semi-dormat in the mud all winter. Bait is no problem as the tackle dealers have plenty on hand. They told me that all they need now is fishermen and some decent weather.

Captree boatmen are heading east near the LaSalle Military Academy and are finding flounders in fair numbers. Capt. Bob Joseph said the "Capt. Joseph II" had an excellent day on Saturday, with over 300 flounders caught with just 15 anglers on board.

The flounder fishing scene is slow westward from Captree to Point Lookout. This is due to the weather and the fact that many of the boatmen and tackle dealers are still on vacation. I made several calls to these people and the story is about the same as the east end. Scattered catches of flounder are coming in, but it's early in the season and most catches are not anything to brag about.

Next week should bring a barrage of flounder reports, weather willing. The L.I.F. will start it's regular reporting on both the North and South Shores. If any of you early anglers have a good day, don't forget to let us know.

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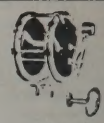

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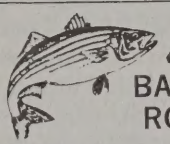

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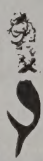

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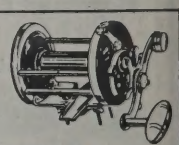

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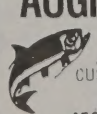

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ment - was a reason for his reluctance to speak out."

(Lesson to the people: If you want to avoid built-in conflicts of interest, don't elect guys who own everything!)

Wilson Laird of the American Petroleum Institute can, of course, be excused for supporting schemes for drilling on our fishing grounds. That's his job, right? But what was his last job? With the United States Department of Interior! Now isn't that nice. These guys jump from the petrol industry to the interior department, almost if the two institutes were branches of the same company. Interesting!

Secretary of the Interior Rogers B. Morton knows how decisions are made in this country, so he "is considering a plan to funnel part of the federal income from offshore oil operations to the treasuries of the coastal states." Is that something like offering to give half your take to a cop if he looks the other way or am I exaggerating? The people better watch out here. ≪

HAS FISHING BECOME TOO COMPETITIVE

VLAD EVANOFF

there is nothing wrong in doing this, it still fosters the idea that fishing should be for prizes or rewards of cash or merchandise or trophies.

One of the greatest things about fishing in my opinion is that it is a serene, contemplative and different sport. I feel that competition doesn't belong in fishing. There are too many sports such as baseball, football, golf and tennis where competition can't be eliminated and actually belongs in such sports. You know when you are going to play football or even a game of golf, the idea is to go out and win either as a team or alone against an opponent. This is fine to a certain extent in your youth when you are learning the give and take of everyday living. Such sports help build character and fair play and promote team spirit and cooperation.

But then when you get a job or go into business or are even self-employed or even just living in a big city or town, you join the rat race and compete for everything - - - jobs, careers, professions, business and customers. You even compete for parking spaces, or in traffic with other cars or for seats in subways or trains. The point I'm trying to make is that all life is competition - - - in a sense the survival of the fittest.

When you bring this competition into fishing, I feel you are just carrying over the same every day rush and hustle, tensions and frustrations into a sport which is better off without it. There are many reasons why people go fishing, but in the long run, if you have been at it long enough, you'll realize that the main reason why people fish is to relax and forget their worries and anxieties. Fishing has been called the "poor man's psychiatry" and in a way it is - - - because when you fish you can't think of anything else. Actually it's sort of a good way to escape everyday problems for a while. And it's a lot better to do this than to resort to drugs, alcohol, horse racing and simialr pastimes. A day or two of fishing enables you to return to your job or business or work refreshed and with renewed zest and ready to compete again.

So I feel that when you go fishing you should go with the belief and attitude that you are mainly out there for a day of good, clean fun and relaxation. It's fine if you catch fish - - - that's the bonus - - - but you should also learn to enjoy the ocean, a lake or river, the scenery, wildlife and the acutal fishing itself, even if you don't catch any fish. You can't do these things if you are competing against other boats or anglers and constantly worrying about catching a fish or scoring points. Your only competitor should be the fish. ⩓

CLUB NOTICE

The Annual Dinner-Dance of the Good Ground Rod and Gun Club of East Quogue will be held on March 18, 1972, starting at 7:30 P.M., at the Polish Hall in Riverhead. Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding sportsmen of the year.

CLUB OPENINGS

The CAPRI ANGLERS FISHING CLUB of Hicksville, Long Island, has openings for new members.

The Club has fishing trips and charters lined up for the 1972 season. NO big game fishing. All fishing trips are held on Sundays.

The Capri Anglers meet the last Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m. at the Plaza Restaurant and Grill, 206 Old Country Road, Hicksville, N.Y.

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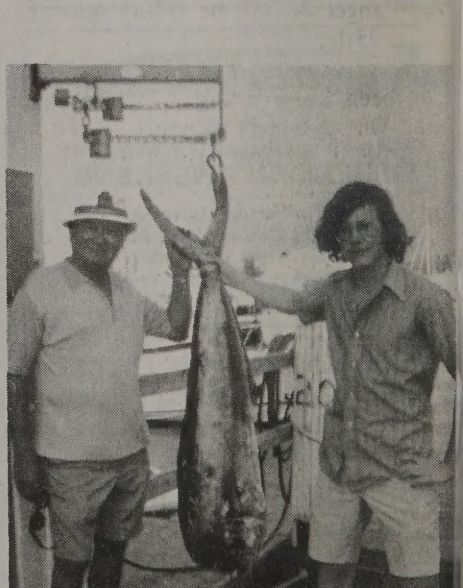

This respectable 32 lb. dolphin was caught by Alan Ottenstein while he was on his Christmas vacation in Florida.

ATLANTIC BEACH TO MANASQUAN
By Greg Beacher

ATLANTIC BEACH

Sy. Rubin of Henning's Fishing Station reported it's still early and a bit cold yet but flounder fishing is here. Flounder fishing has officially started for the Atlantic Beach and inland bay areas. They are being caught by Woodmere Channel, Duck Point, and at the Long Island generating station at Broad Channel. At East Rockaway Inlet and Reynolds Channel, flounders are just starting to show.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Flounder fishing is just around the corner for Sheepshead Bay anglers. A few flatties are starting to show along inland bay and sea wall and pier areas. Party boats from Sheepshead Bay will be switching over to flounder fishing by this weekend. All that's needed is a bit of spring weather to promote the fish and the anglers.

Every spring represents the start of offshore tile and giant cod and pollack fishing trips. The Tampa IV will be sailing on Friday, March 17th at 11 p.m. for their first special offshore giant cod and pollack trip. And on March 31st, the Tampa IV will be making her first offshore Hudson Canyon tilefish trip of the season. The Ranger IV will be the first Sheepshead Bay party boat to visit the Hudson Canyon for tilefish this season. The Ranger IV will be sailing Saturday, March 25th at 11 p.m.

It's been a long winter and there have been a few changes in Sheepshead Bay. One is that the Victory is and will continue to sail at 10 a.m. on a daily basis. Presently, the Victory is sailing for whiting and ling. Capt. Tred Abrams changed the Victory's sailing time so that anglers could party, sleep late, and still be able to go fishing the next day. Quite frankly, not everyone can get up at 5, 6, 7, or 8 a.m. in the morning.

SANDY HOOK

Capt. Bunt of the Sea Horse reports he's been fishing for whiting and ling just a ½ to ¾ of a mile north, northeast of Ambrose Tower. Lately, the fishing there has developed into a slow pick, with anglers catching 8 to 20 fish per man. In any event, the whiting and ling fishing for this time of year has been better than last year. With the warmer weather coming, fishing in general is expected to improve.

Flounder fishing is just getting underway. By the 15th or 20th of March, flounder fishing along the Shrewsbury River should become quite productive. Presently flounders are being caught there, however, there aren't enough anglers trying. Maybe it's the weather!

SHARK RIVER

Capt. Al Shinn of the Miss Belmar reports that last weekend, despite the cold weather, whiting and ling fishing was fair. The Mud Hole was fished on both days. The action wasn't spectacular, just a fair pick of fish. The flounder fishing along Shark River is fairly good so far, even though it's still early. Both flounder fishing and flounder fishermen will improve with warming temperatures.

MANASQUAN

Party boats from this port are still fishing in the Mud Hole for whiting and ling. The fishing has been good there, however, the fishing has been fluctuating with present weather conditions. It won't be long before party boats from Manasquan start mackerel and flounder fishing. Presently, flounder fishing has started along the Manasquan River, off of the Point Pleasant Hospital and by the Manasquan Railroad bridge.

On Saturday, March 25th, the party boat Jamaica will be making her first special offshore giant cod and pollack trip of the season. And on Saturday, April 15th, the Jamaica will sail for the first Hudson Canyon tilefish trip of the season.

MIAMI

While fishing offshore of Miami, I spotted the "Captain Joseph V" that normally sails with the "Captain Joseph IV" from Captree. The Captain Joseph now sails on a daily basis from Key Biscayne. We trolled over and saw the Captain Joseph fishing off of a reef some 5 to 8 miles southwest of Government Cut. While passing by, I saw the gaff going over the side as a large grouper was taken. Then I spoke to the Captain by C.B. radio for a fishing report. Capt. Stanley Joseph replied that red snappers and groupers were biting and that king fishing was productive, with the best part being the warm weather and bright sun of Miami.

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SANDY HOOK STATION

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Thur.		
Fri.	1:48	2:18
Sat.	2:57	3:33
Sun.	4:04	4:37
Mon.	5:03	5:31
Tues.	5:56	6:17
Wed.	6:42	7:05
Thur.	7:27	7:49
	8:14	8:34

	H.	M.
MANASQUAN	-0	12
STATEN ISLAND	+0	07
ROCKAWAY INLET	0	00
Bergen Beach	+0	29
J.F.K. Airport	+0	26
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
JONES INLET	-0	19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Gilgo Island	+2	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0	38
West Great South Bay	+2	10
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
East Great South Bay	+3	44
MORICHES INLET	-0	56
Smiths Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potuak Point	+3	35
SHINNECOCK INLET	-0	50
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05

TIDES: L.I. SOUND

WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	5:07	5:45
Fri.	6:12	6:58
Sat.	7:17	8:09
Sun.	8:23	9:00
Mon.	9:18	9:46
Tues.	10:05	10:29
Wed.	10:52	11:12
Thur.	11:38	11:55

	H.	M.
Little Neck Bay	-0	10
Execution Light	-0	06
Manhasset Bay	-0	01
Hempstead Harbor	-0	11
City Island	-0	03
Rye Beach	-0	28

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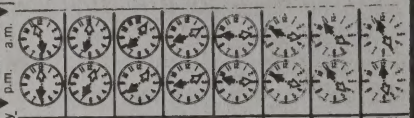
ACTIVITY a.m. / p.m.								
1972 mo. date day	9 MAR	10 MAR	11 MAR	12 MAR	13 MAR	14 MAR	15 MAR	16 MAR
MOON phase	◑	◑	◑	◑	●	●	●	●
MOON age	23	24	25	26	27	28	0	1
MOON dec.	S26°	S25°	S22°	S18°	S13°	S07°	S01°	N06°
SUN rise	2:32	3:18	3:57	4:32	5:02	5:30	5:58	6:26
SUN set	11:37	12:40	1:49	2:01	4:14	5:29	6:44	8:01
MOON rise	6:22	6:20	6:19	6:18	6:16	6:14	6:12	6:11
MOON set	6:00	6:02	6:03	6:04	6:05	6:06	6:07	6:08

STANDARD TIME: Bold Face, P.M.; Light Face, A.M

THE MOON IN MARCH

A – Moon in Apogee, March 4, 2:00 p.m.
◑ – Last Quarter, March 8, 2:05 a.m.
S – Farthest S. of Equator, March 8, 9:00 a.m.
E – Moon on the Equator, March 15, 1:00 a.m.
● – New Moon, March 15, 6:35 a.m.
P – Moon in Perigee, March 16, 4:00 p.m.
N – Farthest N. of Equator, March 21, 4:00 a.m.
◐ – First Quarter, March 21, 9:12 a.m.
E – Moon on the Equator, March 28, 3:00 a.m.
○ – Full Moon, March 29, 3:05 p.m.

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

TIDES: L.I. SOUND

BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.		
Fri.	5:44	6:22
Sat.	6:47	7:21
Sun.	7:44	8:14
Mon.	8:35	9:02
Tues.	9:23	9:49
Wed.	10:09	10:32
Thur.	10:55	11:15
	11:41	

	H.	M.
Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	-0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jeff Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	-0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
Herod Point	-0	07
Mattituck Inlet	+0	19
Horton Point	-0	20
Truman Beach	-0	42

TIDES: B.I. SOUND

NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	A.M.	P.M.
Thur.	3:51	4:37
Fri.	4:48	5:28
Sat.	5:41	6:17
Sun.	6:34	7:03
Mon.	7:20	7:46
Tues.	8:07	8:29
Wed.	8:56	9:15
Thur.	9:41	10:00

	H.	M.
Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0	14
Fort Pond Bay	-0	29
Montauk Inlet	-0	25
Montauk Point	-1	13

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